

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image output control apparatus connected to plural image output devices through communication media, capable of controlling to output images of predetermined input data using the plural image output devices, comprising:
  - selection means for selecting the plural image output devices for outputting images;
  - obtaining means for obtaining output media information stored in each the image output device of the plural image output devices selected by said selection means;
  - judgment means for judging whether or not the plural image output devices selected by said selection means store the same-sized output media on the basis of the output media information obtained by said obtaining means; and
  - notification means for notifying a judgment result obtained by said judgment means.
- 20 2. An apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a display for displaying information regarding the image output devices, and said notification means displays a warning message on the display when said judgment means judged that the plural image output devices selected by said selection means do not have the same-sized output media.

3. An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein it  
is controlled to cancel selection to be executed by  
said selection means when said judgment means judged  
that the plural image output devices selected by said  
selection means do not have the same-sized output  
media.

4. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein  
said judgment means judges whether or not the plural  
image output devices selected by said selection means  
have the same-sized and the same-kind output media on  
the basis of the output media information.

5. An apparatus according to Claim 4, further  
15 comprising a display for displaying information  
regarding the image output devices, and said  
notification means displays a warning message on the  
display when said judgment means judged that the plural  
image output devices selected by said selection means  
20 do not have the same-sized and the same-kind output  
media.

6. An apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein it  
is controlled to cancel selection to be executed by  
said selection means when said judgment means judged  
that the plural image output devices selected by said  
selection means do not have the same-sized and the

same-kind output media.

7. An apparatus according to of Claim 1, further comprising input means for inputting image data obtained by reading originals, and it is possible to control that the plural image output devices can output images of image data inputted by said input means.

8. A control method of an image output control apparatus connected to plural image output devices through communication media, capable of controlling to output images of predetermined input data using the plural image output devices, said method comprising the steps of:

15       selecting the plural image output devices for outputting images;

          obtaining output media information stored in each the image output device of the plural image output devices selected in said selecting step;

20       judging whether or not the plural image output devices selected in said selecting step store the same-sized output media on the basis of the output media information obtained in said obtaining step; and

          notifying a judgment result obtained in said

25       judging step.

9. A method according to Claim 8, wherein the

image output control apparatus has a display for displaying information regarding the image output devices, and said notifying step displays a warning message on the display when said judging step judged that the plural image output devices selected in said selecting step do not have the same-sized output media.

10. A method according to Claim 9, wherein it is controlled to cancel selection to be executed in said selecting step when said judging step judged that the plural image output devices selected in said selecting step do not have the same-sized output media.

15. A method according to Claim 8, wherein said judging step judges whether or not the plural image output devices selected in said selecting step have the same-sized and the same-kind output media on the basis of the output media information.

20. A method according to Claim 11, wherein the image output control apparatus has a display for displaying information regarding the image output devices, and said notifying step displays a warning message on the display when said judging step judged that the plural image output devices selected in said selecting step do not have the same-sized and the same-kind output media.

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13. A method according to Claim 12, wherein it is controlled to cancel selection to be executed in said selecting step when said judging step judged that the plural image output devices selected in said selecting step do not have the same-sized and the same-kind output media.

14. A method according to Claim 8, further comprising an inputting step of inputting image data obtained by reading originals, and it is possible to control that the plural image output devices can output images of image data inputted in said inputting step.

15. A storage medium which stores a computer-readable program codes for executing control processing of an image output control apparatus connected to plural image output devices through communication media, capable of controlling to output images of predetermined input data using the plural image output devices, comprising the codes of:

executing selection processing of selecting the plural image output devices for outputting images;

executing obtaining processing of obtaining output media information stored in each the image output device of the plural image output devices selected by said selection processing;

executing judgment processing of judging whether

or not the plural image output devices selected by said selection processing store the same-sized output media on the basis of the output media information obtained by said obtaining processing; and

5 executing notification processing of notifying a judgment result obtained by said judgment processing.